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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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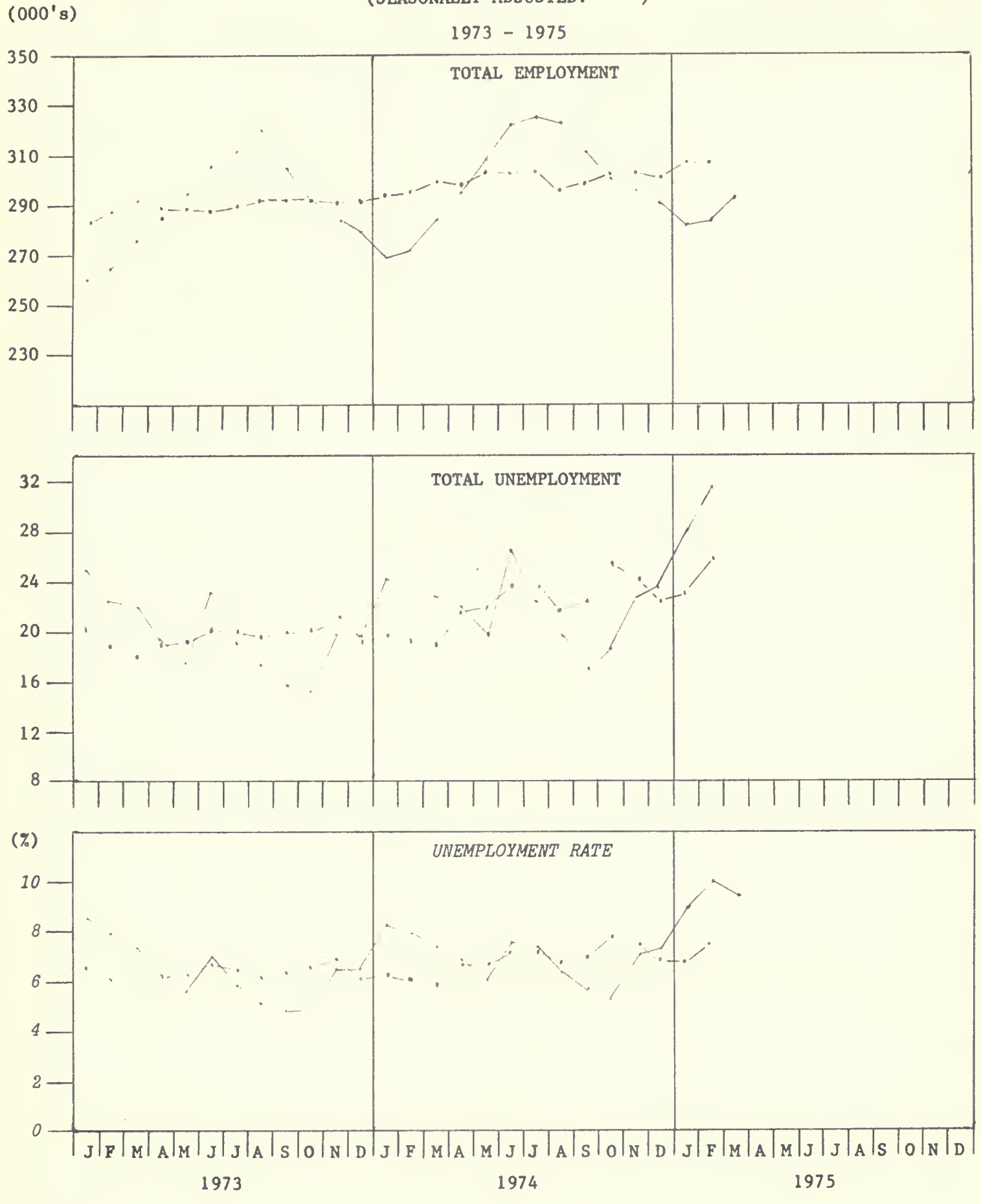


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

MARCH 1975

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's unemployment rate was 10% in February, noticeably higher than the 8.1% recorded for the same period a year ago, and the 9.3% in January 1975. There were 11.2 thousand more persons employed in the state this February than there were a year ago; however, there was a greater percentage increase of unemployed. Unemployment increases were due largely to the lumber and construction industries where there was a loss of 3,000 jobs since last February.

There were 23,000 employed in the manufacturing industries in February, a decrease of 700 from a year ago and the same number employed as last month. Non-manufacturing employment in February was 206.7 thousand, a decrease of 800 from the previous month and an increase of 7.8 thousand from last year. Industries showing the largest increase from one year ago were: wholesale and retail trade up 3,000; finance, insurance and real estate, up 800; services, up 2,600; government, up 3,300. Nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households had 28,300 people employed. This was a 400 decrease from January and the same as was recorded one year ago.

Agricultural employment in February was 29.2 thousand, up both from last month and last year at the same time. Mid-February's index of prices received by farmers and ranchers in the state was down 33% from a year ago. The all-crops index decreased by 23% from February 1974 and the index of livestock and livestock products was 44% below last year. It is anticipated that less spring wheat and barley will be planted this year; however, the all-wheat acreage is expected to be above last year with the large winter wheat plantings of last fall.

December's production of crude oil and condensate from oil and gas areas in the state averaged 91,756 barrels daily, an increase of 495 barrels from the previous month. Refineries in the state processed 136,291 barrels of crude oil daily for the month of December, a decrease of 7,785 barrels from last month.

Montana's bank debits for January increased 29% from one year ago. Communities recording the increases from last year were: Belt, up 19%; Great Falls, up 1%; Cut Bank, up 8%; Glasgow, up 5%; Glendive, up 25%; Havre, up 4%; Malta, up 3%; Billings, up 13%; Butte, up 18%; Helena, up 161%; Livingston, up 8%; Missoula, up 53%. Areas showing decreases were: Cascade, Lewistown, Sidney, Laurel, Worden, Harlowton, Anaconda, Bozeman and Kalispell. Helena recorded the largest total debits followed by Billings, Great Falls and Missoula.

There were 176 building permits issued in Montana in January 1975 with a total valuation of $4.5 million. This compared with 165 permits issued in January of last year with a valuation of just over $2 million. Billings had the most permits issued with 46, while Great Falls had 38 issued and Missoula had 33. The largest total valuation was in Great Falls at $2 million, while Billings' total was $936,000, and

Missoula's total was $878.000. Most residential building permits were issued at Billings, 21, followed by Missoula, 19, and Great Falls, 10.

A labor dispute took place during the month involving about 300 concrete workers throughout the state. The dispute was settled March 21. Montana has been allocated over $3 million in federal funds to provide jobs for unemployed workers. A major railroad company announced it will spend several million dollars in Montana this year on track and other improvements throughout the state.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

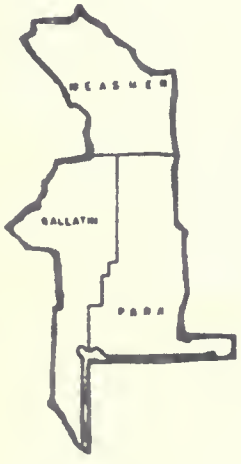
Building activity was spurred recently in the Great Falls community as ground breaking began on a $4 million Vocational-Technical Center. Valuation of city building permits issued in February was $639,991. The largest of these permits issued was one valued at $200,000 for a new savings and loan association building to be located in northwest Great Falls. During the past month the local Chamber of Commerce has been exploring possibilities for attracting industry to Great Falls. Those discussed as possibilities were a local parts plant and a glass manufacturing factory. Bank debits in Great Falls for January were up 1% from last year while the debits for the entire Standard Metropolitan area were the same. Labor disputes have idled nearly 100 workers in the area as several ready-mix and plumbing companies are negotiating with union officials.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

Billings bank debits for January increased 13% above one year ago. Construction in the city has been slow during the first two months of 1975 which has been attributed partially to bad weather conditions. Total valuation for building permits for January and February were $1.6 million compared with $2.1 million recorded last year. An oil company in Billings said it plans to spend several million dollars for expansion of its refinery and pipeline operations which will mainly consist of controlling pollution and modernizing existing facilities. At Laurel, three building permits were issued in January with a valuation of $8,000. Bank debits there were down 10% from one year ago; however, for the twelve months total they show an increase of 5%. In Billings, about 60 concrete workers were on strike during the month after a labor dispute started in late February.

ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

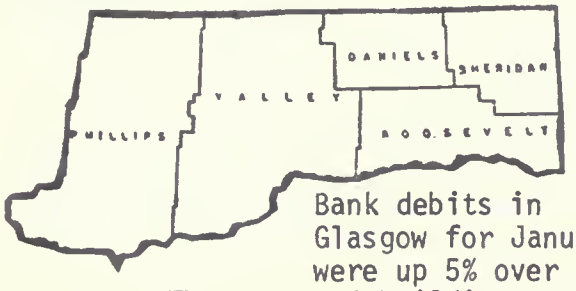
Local authorities in the Anaconda-Butte area are working on the problem of finding more jobs for the community after an announcement by the local smelting company of a major cutback in production and employment. Despite this, plans for several developments continue to go ahead in the area. At Anaconda, construction of a $2.25 million office building is expected to start next fall and the building of one or more major housing projects for the area is under consideration by several developers. The Butte Industrial Park is the apparent site choice for an $8 to $10 million magnetohydrodynamics integration test facility. It was announced that in 3 years about 40 persons would be employed there. The city of Dillon will receive a $200,000 federal grant to be used for improvement of low income housing units. A sawmill at Deer Lodge resumed work on a full month schedule, the first time since September 1974. For the past 12 months bank debits at Anaconda were up 46% over a year ago, while they were up 7% at Butte.



BOZEMAN LMA

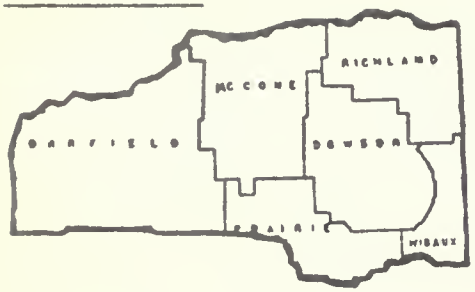
Construction of a multi-million dollar shopping mall will begin in Bozeman this April. The complex will contain 2 department stores, a drug fair-type store, and between 36 and 45 other businesses. Also in the planning stages for an area east of Bozeman is a development that will include about 1,000 acres and involve apartments, single family residences and stores. Bozeman bank debits in January totaled $75,223,000, a decrease of 9% from one year ago. There were 10 building permits issued in the city during January with a valuation of $194,000. In Park County construction work resumed on the expansion of a bridge near Gardiner in conjunction with improvements on U. S. high way 89. Livingston bank debits for January were up 8% over last year and show a 10% increase for the last 12-month period. There were 3 building permits issued in Livingston in January with a total valuation of $43,000. In January 1974 3 permits were issued valued at $30,000.

GLASGOW LMA



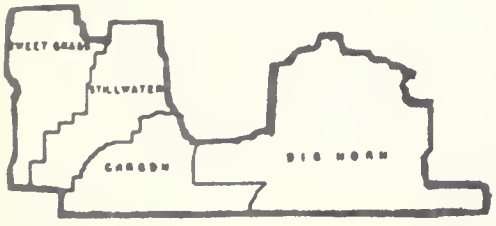
Bank debits in Glasgow for January were up 5% over a year ago. There were 4 building permits issued with a total valuation of $85,000. Federal, state and local officials met during the past month to review the development program for industrial utilization of Glasgow Air Force Base. Glasgow was also given a federal grant that will be used for the modernization of a local hospital, and the local community also raised over $1,500,000 for this project. During the past month, general retail and wholesale business in Glasgow has remained quiet with gross receipts slightly behind a year ago. At Wolf Point, bids are expected to be asked in March or April for the construction of an estimated $750,000 addition to a retirement home which will include 43 apartments. Work also continues on an 80-unit housing project and 2 grain elevators. The camouflage net enterprise at Poplar which started in January is now operating with a work force of approximately 65 people. Bids have been let on reconstruction of the barge at Fort Peck.

GLENDIVE LMA



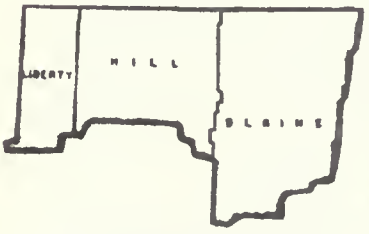
Construction in the Glendive area continued to be steady through the past month as work continued on a new nursing home and several other projects. There was one building permit issued in January with a valuation of $1,000.00. Retail trade in the area remained slow and oil field activity had no significant amount of activity taking place. Bank debits in Glendive for January increased 25% over one year ago. In Sidney, bank debits dropped 8% from January of 1974. There were 3 permits issued in January with a valuation of $28,000.00. Construction work during the month consisted of remodeling of buildings to house a new bank, a new variety store, and a hardware store addition. In wholesale and retail trade industries business is reported as being generally good as several drive-in restaurants have reopened for the summer season.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



It was recently learned that a major coal mining company plans to expand its Big Horn County mining operations by 1977. Included in the plans is a new mine producing 4 to 8 million tons of coal annually plus an expansion of the existing mine. The new mine is expected to employ an additional 150 to 175 people. At Red Lodge, the city is ending its ski season and is preparing for summer tourism. Also in the planning stages at Red Lodge is a 80 bed convalescent center that would create approximately 35 jobs.

HAVRE LMA



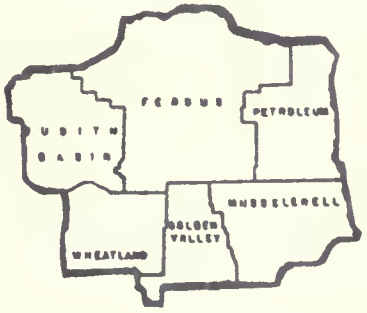
Havre 's wholesale and retail trade and service industries showed a steady amount of activity during the past month and most all construction projects are resuming work with the milder weather. A major street paving project at Havre is to take place with a cost estimated of just under $900,000.00. There were 7 building permits issued in the city during January with a total valuation of $167,000.00. Three of these were non-residential permits valued at $70,000.00 while there was four residential permits issued with a valuation of $97,000.00. Bank debits for Havre showed an increase of 4% over this time last year and a 16% increase over the past 12 months. The main agriculture activities in the labor market area are calving, lambing, and winter feeding. Also taking place this month was the sale of a $500,000.00 livestock yard which handled about 40,000 head of cattle in 1974.

HELENA LMA

Construction of commercial buildings has remained good during the winter months in Helena and several new apartment complexes are being built. In January, 7 building permits were issued with a total valuation of $58,000. Building is 95% complete on Helena's new twin theater which had its grand opening in mid-March. Retail sales are down with the coming of spring expected to boost buying activity. Some activity has begun in mining; however, snow depths have stopped work at higher elevations. Employment in the agricultural field is picking up and should be at full swing within the next two months.

KALISPELL LMA

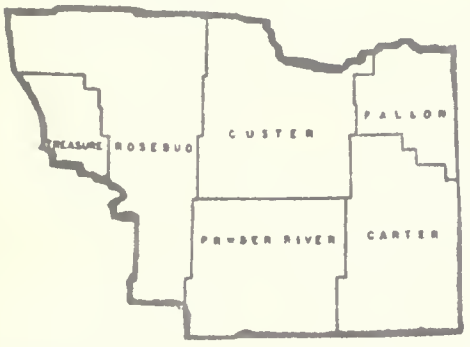
The newest construction project scheduled in the Columbia Falls area is a four-lane, 486 foot long bridge with an estimated cost of between $2.5 and $3 million. As of mid-March, the 7 largest employers in this industrial community now have 1,733 persons employed. One of the largest construction contracts in Glacier National Park's history has been underway through the winter as a $2.4 million waste water and treatment facility is being built for the lower McDonald Valley. In Kalispell, 4 permits were issued in February, one for a new residence and 3 for remodeling jobs, for a valuation of $44,900. So far this year, 8 permits have been issued with a total valuation of $52,400. At Polson an application is being prepared for a federal loan, to construct a $2.1 million, 149-unit retirement home. There were approximately 180 employed at Libby Dam this month and employment will remain low until warmer weather permits concrete work. Spring break-up has started in the Libby area this month causing layoffs in the logging industry.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Federal funds were received for the construction of a new hospital at Lewistown. Work on the project is expected to get underway in the late spring. Permits also in the amount of $300,000 have been granted to construct the final 2 units of an apartment complex. One building permit was issued at Lewistown in January with a total valuation of $5,000. January bank debits totaled $33.1 million, an 8% decrease for the same month a year ago. Work is to begin this summer on the construction of Casino Creek dam which will be 65 feet high, with an earth-fill volume of 300,000 cubic yards. Bank debits in Harlowton during January 1975 showed a decrease of 7% from the same period one year ago. The total debits volume was $2.9 million. Agricultural activities have picked up considerably during March and local sawmills have added on several workers to their payrolls.

MILES CITY LMA

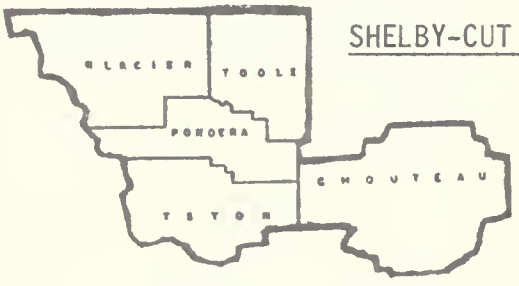


Bank debits in Miles City during January remained the same as they were last year; however, during the past 12 month period through January they were up 13% from the previous year. There were 5 building permits issued in January with a total valuation of $20,000. There have been no changes in any of the area's major industries. Construction activities are increasing at a slow pace as the better weather conditions come. In Powder River County a $428,992 bid was awarded for construction of a bridge over the Powder River. In Rosebud County, development of the coal industry continues. A high volume system to receive Colstrip coal at a rate of 1,250 tons per hour, trucked from mines in eastern Montana, will be built. This will be a multi-million dollar construction project. In the agricultural field ranchers are preparing for spring calving.

MISSOULA LMA

Thirty-three permits were issued in Missoula in January with a total valuation of $878,000. Nineteen of these permits were for residential dwellings valued at $491,000. Missoula County commissioners awarded a $224,957 contract for completion of the new county office building. In February a bid of $1.3 million was accepted for construction of a new courthouse in Hamilton. It was announced that bids will be taken for a bridge at Plains in Sanders County. Estimates indicate the bridge will cost $1.7 million. A major manufacturing employer in Missoula County said they have plans to lay off 85 workers immediately and will completely stop plant production for 3 weeks later in March. In January, Missoula bank debits increased 53% over last year, totaling $215.7 million. It was announced in March that Missoula County was allocated a $250,274 Comprehensive Employment Training Assistance grant which is aimed at temporarily easing the current unemployment situation.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



Bank debits in January for the city of Cut Bank were up 8% over a year ago. As the weather cleared during the past month a few outdoor building activities were noted. There were 2 building permits issued at Cut Bank in January with a total valuation of $6,000. In Toole County, a community planning board recommended to the County Commission to proceed with plans for a $2.5 million construction project for remodeling and an addition on a local hospital-nursing home complex. Also expected to start this spring is the construction of a $396,880 county jail.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Employment in Montana will increase in April as outdoor activities and tourist trade move into their summer seasons. Highway construction is expected to improve in 1975 fiscal year as federal funded lettings for road improvements were roughly twice that of a year ago. The woods products industry, which recently experienced hard times received another set back in March as a major employer temporarily curtailed operations affecting several hundred workers.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
February 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	229	36	1572
CETA-CEP	92	26	342
CETA-INST.	65	55	315
CETA-OJT	45	22	121
Job Corps	32	15	263

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]
(1967 = 100)

Group	Feb. 1975	*Percent Change From:* Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974
All Items	157.2	.7%	11.1%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]
February 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	3.4%
Female	23.6%
Youth	11.0%
Over 45	25.5%

1/ *The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.*

2/ *Based on 10% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	*8.8*	*5.5*	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	*7.3*	*5.2*	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	*6.0*	*4.8*	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	*5.0*	*4.3*	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	*6.2*	*5.4*	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	*5.6*	*5.0*	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	*4.9*	*4.7*	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	*5.2*	*4.2*	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	*6.2*	*4.5*	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	*
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	*9.3*	*9.0*	*
February	316.7	285.1	255.9	29.2	31.6	*10.0*	*9.1*	*
March	*324.8*	*294.3*	*261.3*	*33.0*	*30.5*	*9.3*		-
April								
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* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1973								
January	30.1	27.3	26.4	0.9	2.8	*9.1*	*8.6*	*
February	30.2	27.6	26.6	1.0	2.6	*8.6*	*7.9*	*
March	30.8	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.4	*7.7*	*7.4*	*
April	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.3*	*
May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.6*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*7.0*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.8*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*5.1*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.8*	*
October	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*4.9*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*8.3*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*7.9*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.4*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.9*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*6.0*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*7.6*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.4*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.7*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.3*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.8*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.1*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*2.1*	*6.6*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.2*	*9.3*	*
February	31.9	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.9	*9.1*	*10.0*	*
March	*32.4*	*29.7*	*28.5*	*1.2*	*2.7*	*8.3*	*9.3*	-
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

**Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

#Computed from whole (unrounded numbers). *Series began January 1970.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	*6.6*	*8.6*	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	*5.5*	*7.9*	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	*4.9*	*7.4*	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	*4.6*	*6.3*	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	*4.7*	*5.6*	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	*6.2*	*7.0*	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*5.8*	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	*5.1*	*5.1*	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	*4.4*	*4.8*	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	*4.6*	*4.9*	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	*4.9*	*6.5*	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	*4.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*8.3*	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*7.9*	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.4*	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.9*	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*6.0*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*7.6*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.4*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.7*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.8*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.1*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.3*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	*7.9*	*9.3*	*0*
February	45.3	41.8	40.5	1.3	3.5	*7.8*	*10.0*	*0*
March	*46.0*	*42.6*	*40.9*	*1.7*	*3.4*	*7.4*	*9.3*	-
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed form whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

FEBRUARY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	316.7	312.8	298.2	3.9	18.5
2. Unemployment 1/	31.6	28.9	24.3	2.7	7.3
Percent of Labor Force	*10.0*	*9.3*	*8.1*	*.7*	*1.9*
3. Employment, Total	285.1	283.9	273.9	1.2	11.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	227.6	228.4	220.8	-.8	6.8
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*229.7*	*230.5*	*222.6*	*-.8*	*7.1*
MANUFACTURING	*23.0*	*23.0*	*23.7*	*0*	*-0.7*
Durable Goods	*14.8*	*14.7*	*15.3*	*0.1*	*-0.5*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.1*	*7.9*	*9.2*	*0.2*	*-1.1*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.2*	*0*	*0.3*
Other Durable Goods	*3.2*	*3.3*	*2.9*	*-0.1*	*0.3*
Nondurable Goods	*8.2*	*8.3*	*8.4*	*-0.1*	*-0.2*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.9*	*3.9*	*4.2*	*0*	*-0.3*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*0.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*0.9*	*1.0*	*1.0*	*-0.1*	*-0.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.3*	*0*	*0.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*206.7*	*207.5*	*198.9*	*-.8*	*7.8*
Mining	*7.3*	*7.3*	*7.1*	*0*	*0.2*
10 Metal Mining	*3.8*	*3.8*	*4.1*	*0*	*-0.3*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.7*	*1.6*	*1.3*	*0.1*	*0.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.7*	*-0.1*	*0.1*

Contract Construction	8.8	9.6	10.7	-0.8	-1.9
15 General Building Contractors	4.0	4.2	4.4	-0.2	-0.4
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	1.2	1.3	2.0	-0.1	-0.8
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.6	4.1	4.3	-0.5	-0.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.4	18.3	18.6	0.1	-0.2
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	0.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.9	4.8	5.7	0.1	-0.8
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.2	7.2	6.7	0	0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	57.8	58.0	54.8	-0.2	3.0
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.8	11.5	-0.2	1.1
Retail Trade	45.2	45.2	43.3	0	1.9
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.1	8.0	7.5	0.1	0.6
54 Food Stores	6.3	6.4	6.1	-0.1	0.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.0	8.0	8.2	0	-0.2
58 Eating and Drinking Places	13.3	13.1	12.4	0.2	0.9
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.5	9.7	9.1	-0.2	0.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.5	10.7	9.7	-0.2	0.8
Services	43.8	43.7	41.2	0.1	2.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.6	5.4	5.0	0.2	0.6
72 Personal Services	2.8	2.8	2.5	0	0.3
80 Medical and other Health Services	13.8	13.9	13.2	-0.1	0.6
Other Services	21.6	21.6	20.5	0	1.1
Government	60.1	59.9	56.8	0.2	3.3
91 Federal Government	11.8	11.8	11.5	0	0.3
State and Local Government	48.3	48.1	45.3	0.2	3.0
92 State Government	17.6	17.7	17.2	-0.1	0.4
93 Local Government	30.7	30.4	28.1	0.3	2.6
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	28.3	28.7	28.3	-.4	0
(c) Agriculture	29.2	26.8	24.8	2.4	4.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

FEBRUARY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	31.9	31.6	31.1	.3	.8
2. Unemployment	2.9	2.6	2.4	.3	.5
Percent of Labor Force#	*9.1*	*8.2*	*7.6*	*.9*	*1.5*
3. Employment, Total	29.0	29.0	28.7	0	.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	25.7	25.8	25.5	-.1	.2
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*26.7*	*26.7*	*26.0*	*0*	*.7*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*24.8*	*24.8*	*24.1*	*0*	*.7*
Contract Construction	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.3*	*0*	*-0.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.4*	*2.5*	*2.2*	*-0.1*	*0.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*7.8*	*7.8*	*7.5*	*0*	*0.3*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*0.1*
Services and Mining	*5.6*	*5.5*	*5.4*	*0.1*	*0.2*
Government	*5.9*	*5.9*	*5.9*	*0*	*0*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.0	1.0	.1	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* * *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1974.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

2/ *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

FEBRUARY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	45.3	44.9	43.9	.4	1.4
2. Unemployment	3.5	3.5	2.6	0	.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.8*	*7.9*	*5.9*	*.1*	*1.9*
3. Employment, Total	41.8	41.4	41.3	.4	.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	36.6	36.3	36.3	.3	.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*36.8*	*36.4*	*35.5*	*.4*	*1.3*
MANUFACTURING	*3.2*	*3.3*	*3.7*	*.1*	*.5*
NONMANUFACTURING	*33.6*	*33.1*	*31.8*	*.5*	*1.8*
Contract Construction	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*0*	*0.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.5*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*0.1*	*0.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*11.4*	*11.3*	*11.0*	*0.1*	*0.4*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*0.1*
Services and Mining	*8.2*	*8.1*	*7.4*	*0.1*	*0.8*
Government	*6.9*	*6.7*	*6.4*	*0.2*	*0.5*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.3	1.2	1.1	.1	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	0	0	0	0	0

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
STATEWIDE	315.1	312.8	316.7	291.0	283.9	285.1	24.1	28.9	31.6	*7.7*	*9.3*	*10.0*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.2	31.6	31.9	30.1	29.0	29.0	2.1	2.6	2.9	*6.6*	*8.4*	*9.2*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.8	44.9	45.3	43.3	41.4	41.8	2.5	3.5	3.5	*5.4*	*7.9*	*7.8*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	237.1	236.3	239.5	217.6	213.5	214.3	19.5	22.8	25.2	*8.2*	*9.6*	*10.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.4	33.5	34.1	30.8	30.4	30.5	2.6	3.1	3.6	*7.7*	*9.1*	*10.4*
BOZEMAN	23.1	23.0	23.5	21.4	21.1	21.1	1.7	1.9	2.4	*7.2*	*8.3*	*10.3*
GLASGOW	14.8	14.7	14.9	14.2	13.8	13.9	.6	.9	1.0	*4.3*	*6.1*	*6.6*
GLENDIVE	12.4	12.3	12.5	11.9	11.6	11.6	.5	.7	.9	*4.4*	*6.0*	*7.0*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.5	9.6	9.7	8.9	8.7	8.8	.6	.9	.9	*6.6*	*8.9*	*9.4*
HAVRE	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.8	10.9	.6	.8	.8	*5.0*	*6.9*	*7.2*
HELENA	21.1	21.2	21.4	19.8	19.5	19.5	1.3	1.7	1.9	*6.3*	*7.9*	*8.7*
KALISPELL	32.6	32.3	32.6	27.7	27.2	27.3	4.9	5.1	5.3	*15.1*	*15.9*	*16.3*
LEWISTOWN	10.3	10.0	10.2	9.7	9.3	9.4	.6	.7	.8	*5.6*	*6.6*	*7.5*
MILES CITY	12.5	12.5	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.7	.6	.8	.9	*4.6*	*6.7*	*7.0*
MISSOULA	39.7	39.8	40.3	35.0	34.6	34.7	4.7	5.2	5.6	*11.9*	*13.1*	*13.9*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.1	15.8	16.0	15.3	14.8	14.9	.8	1.0	1.1	*4.6*	*6.3*	*7.0*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

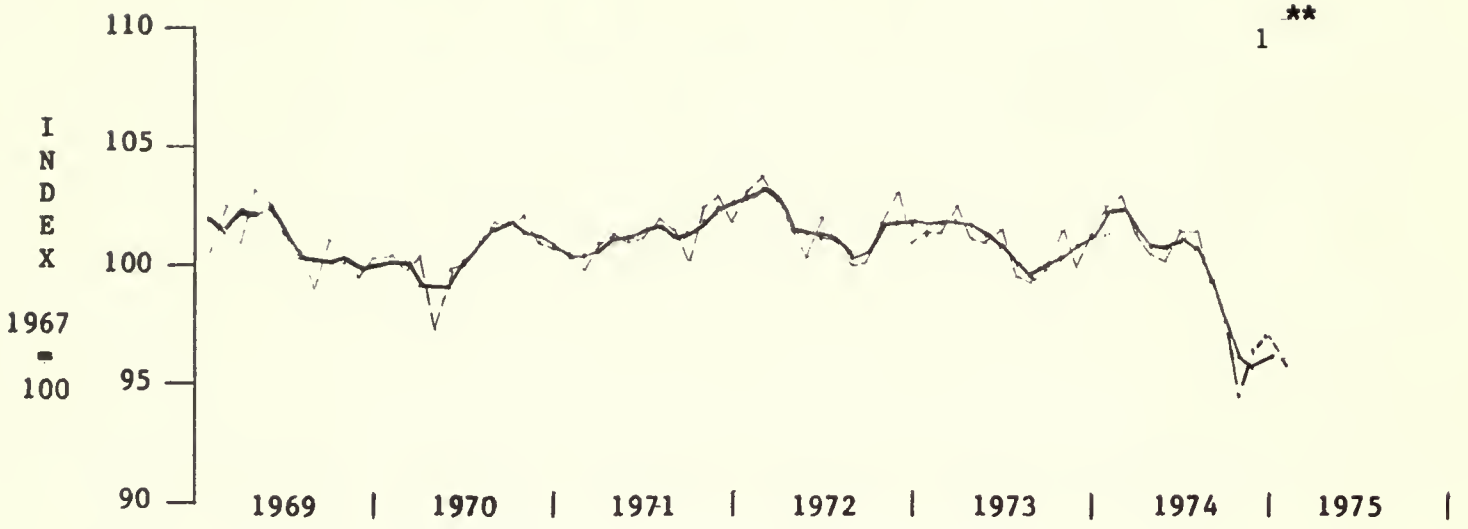
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	316.7	298.3	*6.2*	285.1	274.0	*4.1*	31.6	24.3	7.3	*10.0*	*8.1*	*1.9*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	31.9	31.1	*2.6*	29.0	28.7	*1.0*	2.9	2.4	.5	*9.2*	*7.6*	*1.6*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.3	43.9	*3.2*	41.8	41.3	*1.2*	3.5	2.6	.9	*7.8*	*5.9*	*1.9*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	239.5	223.3	*7.3*	214.3	204.0	*5.0*	25.2	19.3	5.9	*10.5*	*8.6*	*1.9*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	34.1	32.8	*4.0*	30.5	30.4	*.3*	3.6	2.4	1.2	*10.4*	*7.3*	*3.1*
BOZEMAN	23.5	22.6	*4.0*	21.1	21.0	*.5*	2.4	1.6	.8	*10.3*	*6.9*	*3.4*
GLASGOW	14.9	13.7	*8.8*	13.9	12.8	*8.6*	1.0	.9	.1	*6.6*	*6.8*	*-.2*
GLENDIVE	12.5	11.5	*8.7*	11.6	10.8	*7.4*	.9	.7	.2	*7.0*	*5.7*	*1.3*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.7	9.7	*0*	8.8	8.8	*0*	.9	.9	0	*9.4*	*9.2*	*.2*
HAVRE	11.7	10.5	*11.4*	10.9	9.7	*12.4*	.8	.8	0	*7.2*	*7.6*	*-.4*
HELENA	21.4	20.4	*4.9*	19.5	18.9	*3.2*	1.9	1.5	.4	*8.7*	*7.4*	*1.3*
KALISPELL	32.6	30.1	*8.3*	27.3	25.8	*5.8*	5.3	4.3	1.0	*16.3*	*14.2*	*2.1*
LEWISTOWN	10.2	9.2	*10.9*	9.4	8.4	*11.9*	.8	.8	0	*7.5*	*9.0*	*1.5*
MILES CITY	12.6	11.7	*7.7*	11.7	11.0	*6.4*	.9	.7	.2	*7.0*	*6.4*	*.6*
MISSOULA	40.3	37.1	*8.6*	34.7	33.7	*3.0*	5.6	3.4	2.2	*13.9*	*9.3*	*4.6*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.0	14.0	*14.3*	14.9	12.7	*17.3*	1.1	1.3	-.2	*7.0*	*9.4*	*-2.4*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8p
February	
March	
April	
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MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

While down slightly from December preliminary, January data continue to show a leveling off trend. Accessions remained down and layoffs continued in both the Mining and Wood Products Industries. Initial claims were down slightly but not enough to have any positive effect on the composite index. Building permits and Manufacturing employment dropped off slightly but this was offset by a rise in average weekly hours, the only bright spot in the January data.

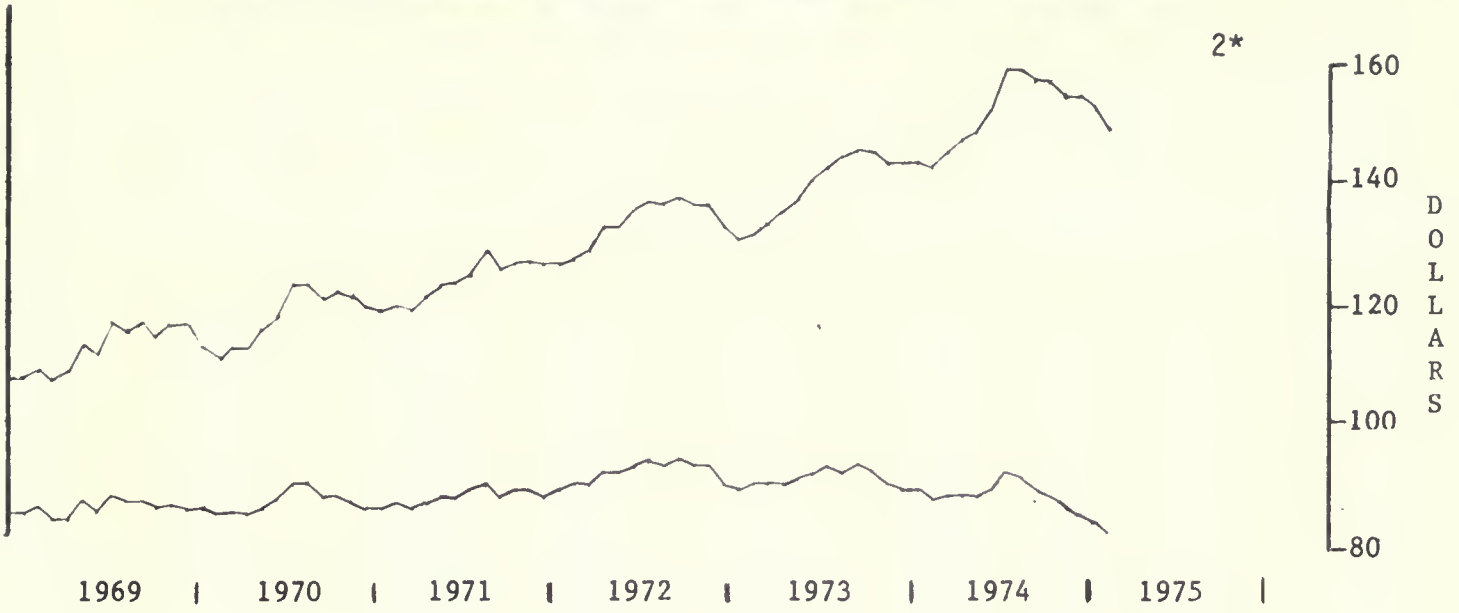
The leveling off trend is expected to continue through the next several months as the wood products industry responds to national economic policies directed at stimulating the housing industry. However, anything resembling a recovery is still many months away.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$149.16	$152.28	$142.96
Taxes Withheld	21.67	22.42	19.92
Spendable Earnings	127.49	129.86	123.04
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	46.39	46.67	36.08
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	81.10	83.19	86.96

1974	Weekly Earnings 1/	Spendable Earnings 2/
Jan.	$143.47	$88.29
Feb.	142.96	86.96
Mar.	145.20	87.04
Apr.	147.29	87.65
May	148.47	87.31
Jun.	152.21	88.35
Jul.	159.90	91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	149.16p	81.10p
Mar.		
Apr.		
May		
Jun.		

The February average weekly wage was $149.16, down $3.97 from December. The net spendable earnings were $81.10, down $2.46 from December and down $2.09 from January. This trend will probably continue for at least the next several months, due to inflation.

* *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*
1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.
2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1973								
January	304.0	283.9	252.1	31.8	20.1	6.6	5.0	.1
February	306.6	288.0	254.0	34.0	18.6	6.1	5.1	*
March	310.1	291.9	256.0	35.9	18.2	5.9	5.0	*
April	307.9	288.9	253.4	35.5	19.0	6.2	5.0	.2
May	308.4	289.1	253.3	35.8	19.3	6.3	5.0	.4
June	308.1	287.6	253.4	34.2	20.5	6.7	4.8	.5
July	310.4	290.1	252.9	37.2	20.3	6.5	4.7	*
August	312.1	292.6	253.1	39.5	19.5	6.2	4.8	.1
September	313.0	292.9	253.6	39.3	20.1	6.4	4.8	.1
October	312.4	291.9	254.4	37.5	20.5	6.6	4.5	.1
November	312.1	290.7	254.5	36.2	21.4	6.9	4.7	*
December	310.6	291.5	256.9	34.6	19.1	6.1	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	6.3	4.9	.1
1974								
January	314.5	294.7	259.5	35.2	19.8	6.3	5.2	.1
February	316.0	296.7	263.4	33.3	19.3	6.1	5.2	*
March	319.6	300.7	265.4	35.3	18.9	5.9	5.1	*
April	320.5	299.0	266.1	32.9	21.5	6.7	5.0	*
May	326.3	304.3	267.6	36.7	22.0	6.7	5.2	4.0
June	326.7	303.2	265.7	37.5	23.5	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	327.8	304.2	266.5	37.7	23.6	7.2	5.3	*
August	319.4	297.6	265.9	31.7	21.8	6.8	5.4	.2
September	323.2	300.7	268.7	32.0	22.5	7.0	5.8	*
October	329.0	303.4	266.0	37.4	25.6	7.8	6.0	*
November	328.7	304.2	266.8	37.4	24.5	7.5	6.6	.1
December	325.3	302.9	268.1	34.8	22.4	6.9	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.4	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.4	6.7	5.6	*
1975								
January	333.0	309.5	271.5	38.0	23.5	7.1	8.2	*
February	335.6	309.7	270.5	39.2	25.9	7.7	8.2	*
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.*

Current month preliminary.

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers. *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1973								
January	31.5	29.2	27.9	1.3	2.3	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
February	31.7	29.5	27.9	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*6.1*	*
March	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*7.0*	*5.9*	*
April	31.9	29.7	28.2	1.5	2.2	*6.9*	*6.2*	*
May	32.1	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.3	*7.2*	*6.3*	*
June	32.2	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.4	*7.5*	*6.7*	0
July	32.6	30.3	28.2	2.1	2.3	*7.0*	*6.5*	0
August	32.9	30.8	28.5	2.3	2.1	*6.4*	*6.2*	0
September	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.4*	*
October	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.6*	0
November	31.8	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.9*	*
December	32.1	30.1	28.3	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	32.4	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.0	*6.2*	*6.3*	*
February	32.3	30.5	29.0	1.5	1.8	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
March	32.2	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	*
April	32.4	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.7*	*
May	33.9	31.6	30.0	1.6	2.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	1.4
June	33.7	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.3	*6.8*	*7.2*	1.2
July	32.7	30.4	28.5	1.9	2.3	*7.0*	*7.2*	*
August	33.5	31.1	29.0	2.1	2.4	*7.2*	*6.8*	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.0	*6.2*	*7.0*	*
October	33.1	30.9	29.6	1.3	2.2	*6.6*	*7.8*	*
November	32.5	30.2	28.7	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.5*	*
December	32.5	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.9*	*
1974 Avg.	32.8	30.7	29.2	1.5	2.1	*6.4*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	33.0	30.8	29.5	1.3	2.2	*6.7*	*7.1*	*
February	33.0	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.5	*7.6*	*7.7*	-
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.*

Current month preliminary.

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

Series began January 1970.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1973								
January	41.9	39.6	38.9	.7	2.3	5.5	6.6	*
February	42.2	40.2	39.3	.9	2.0	4.7	6.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.7	1.0	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	42.6	40.4	39.8	.6	2.2	5.2	6.2	*
May	42.9	40.5	39.8	.7	2.4	5.6	6.3	*
June	42.8	40.5	40.0	.5	2.3	5.4	6.7	.3
July	43.1	40.7	40.2	.5	2.4	5.6	6.5	*
August	43.5	41.2	40.4	.8	2.3	5.3	6.2	*
September	43.0	40.8	40.3	.5	2.2	5.1	6.4	*
October	43.9	41.1	40.5	.6	2.8	6.4	6.6	*
November	43.6	41.4	40.8	.6	2.2	5.1	6.9	*
December	43.7	41.7	41.0	.7	2.0	4.6	6.1	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	5.1	6.3	*
1974								
January	44.4	41.6	40.6	1.0	2.8	6.3	6.3	0
February	45.2	43.2	41.9	1.3	2.0	4.4	6.1	0
March	45.4	43.4	41.9	1.5	2.0	4.4	5.9	0
April	45.2	42.9	41.5	1.4	2.3	5.1	6.7	0
May	45.9	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.6	5.7	6.7	.5
June	45.7	42.9	42.0	.9	2.8	6.1	7.2	.5
July	45.8	43.0	42.1	.9	2.8	6.1	7.2	*
August	45.5	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.2	4.8	6.8	*
September	45.4	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
October	45.5	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.5	5.5	7.8	*
November	45.1	42.7	41.2	1.5	2.4	5.3	7.5	*
December	45.3	43.0	41.6	1.4	2.3	5.1	6.9	*
1974 Avg.	45.3	42.9	41.7	1.2	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.7	43.6	42.0	1.6	3.1	6.6	7.1	*
February	47.0	43.9	42.2	1.7	3.1	6.6	7.7	-
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in Total Employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

FEBRUARY 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$149.16	$152.28	$144.08	35.6	36.0	36.2	$4.19	$4.23	$3.98
MANUFACTURING	180.61	195.30	183.65	34.8	37.2	38.5	5.19	5.25	4.77
Durable Goods	170.35	193.29	185.81	33.6	37.1	39.2	5.07	5.21	4.74
Primary Metal Industries	239.98	237.39	197.69	40.4	41.0	40.1	5.94	5.79	4.93
Nondurable Goods	207.86	200.09	181.71	38.0	37.4	37.7	5.47	5.35	4.82
Food and Kindred Products	195.62	187.98	170.09	39.6	39.0	39.1	4.94	4.82	4.35
MINING	250.88	254.71	218.93	41.4	42.1	41.7	6.06	6.05	5.25
Metal Mining	256.37	256.37	218.25	40.5	40.5	39.9	6.33	6.33	5.47
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	262.98	261.12	246.38	33.5	34.0	37.5	7.85	7.68	6.57
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	248.14	249.57	240.35	42.2	42.3	41.8	5.88	5.90	5.75
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	200.97	200.97	179.36	39.1	39.1	38.0	5.14	5.14	4.72
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	118.31	117.28	112.73	34.9	34.8	34.9	3.39	3.37	3.23
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	118.17	115.61	108.90	36.7	36.7	36.3	3.22	3.15	3.00
SERVICES	104.21	104.23	89.37	33.4	33.3	33.1	3.12	3.13	2.70

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

JANUARY 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974
MANUFACTURING	2.4	2.0	3.9	0.7	1.2	3.1	5.4	3.7	3.3	1.0	0.8	1.5	3.6	2.2	1.1
Durable Goods	3.0	2.4	2.7	0.4	1.3	2.1	6.3	3.6	3.3	1.0	0.7	1.2	4.8	2.0	1.5
Primary Metal Industries	1.2	1.9	3.8	0.0	0.9	2.2	2.5	3.1	3.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.3	6.0	1.3	1.2	4.9	3.5	3.8	3.4	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.3	2.6	1.7
MINING	1.8	1.6	4.9	1.3	1.3	1.9	3.0	3.2	5.1	1.4	1.2	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.3
Metal Mining	1.0	0.8	5.2	0.0	0.3	0.7	3.3	1.8	4.8	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.2	1.9

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of February 1975.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana by industry in February.

INDUSTRY	NUMBER
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	26
MINING	3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22
MANUFACTURING	9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	23
SERVICES	78
TOTAL	213

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

February 1975 - 213 Total New Firms

Areas	New Business Firms
GREAT FALLS SMSA	
Cascade	17
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	22
Beaverhead	7
Deer Lodge	4
Granite	1
Madison	2
Powell	0
Silver Bow	8
BOZEMAN LMA	16
Gallatin	12
Meagher	1
Park	3
GLASGOW LMA	10
Daniels	0
Phillips	2
Roosevelt	5
Sheridan	0
Valley	3
GLENDIVE LMA	11
Dawson	2
Garfield	1
McCone	3
Prairie	1
Richland	4
Wibaux	0
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	6
Big Horn	1
Carbon	3
Stillwater	2
Sweet Grass	0
HAVRE LMA	12
Blaine	3
Hill	6
Liberty	3

Areas	New Business Firms
BILLINGS SMSA	
Yellowstone	25
HELENA LMA	12
Broadwater	1
Jefferson	0
Lewis and Clark	11
KALISPELL LMA	23
Flathead	15
Lake	6
Lincoln	2
LEWISTOWN LMA	2
Fergus	0
Golden Valley	0
Judith Basin	0
Musselshell	1
Petroleum	0
Wheatland	1
MILES CITY LMA	8
Carter	0
Custer	2
Fallon	1
Powder River	0
Rosebud	4
Treasure	1
MISSOULA LMA	33
Mineral	3
Missoula	19
Ravalli	3
Sanders	8
SHELBY LMA	16
Chouteau	2
Glacier	7
Pondera	4
Teton	2
Toole	1

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

NEW CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES IN MONTANA

By Industry and Area, for 1974

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish.	8	21	6	19	36	18	28	28	32	36	52	87	371	*13.9*
Mining	3	2	0	8	8	5	5	3	11	8	10	14	77	*2.9*
Construction	38	21	9	37	41	36	37	32	27	31	25	20	354	*13.3*
Manufacturing	10	6	7	10	14	11	28	12	14	22	9	14	157	*5.9*
Transp., Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	14	13	8	9	15	10	5	1	4	1	7	7	94	*3.6*
Wholesale, Retail	47	38	34	66	74	47	56	51	48	53	25	62	601	*22.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	14	12	9	26	25	14	31	11	8	15	13	31	209	*7.8*
Services	66	54	38	87	79	68	79	76	61	86	61	49	804	*30.0*
Government	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*0.0*
Nonclassifiable Establishments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	*0.1*
STATE TOTAL	200	167	111	262	292	209	269	214	205	253	204	284	2,670	*100.0*
Area														
Multi-County and Statewide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	*0.1*
Cascade SMSA	17	14	11	15	17	20	24	15	11	24	18	27	213	*8.0*
Yellowstone SMSA	30	30	16	53	48	23	32	23	26	31	38	35	385	*14.4*
Anaconda-Butte LMA	10	8	11	27	29	11	18	21	15	35	10	21	216	*8.1*
Bozeman LMA	22	10	8	17	28	13	27	25	22	30	13	26	241	*9.0*
Glasgow LMA	10	5	6	12	9	9	4	5	14	11	9	19	113	*4.2*
Glendive LMA	3	3	1	7	11	10	13	9	5	6	9	10	87	*3.3*
Hardin LMA	7	3	3	11	12	7	8	7	8	4	6	10	86	*3.2*
Havre LMA	5	4	3	12	10	2	10	11	5	13	5	13	93	*3.5*
Helena LMA	14	10	8	19	20	16	21	10	17	19	8	12	174	*6.5*
Kalispell LMA	27	19	15	33	30	37	41	19	31	22	27	27	328	*12.3*
Lewistown LMA	9	7	4	4	7	9	8	4	4	3	8	7	74	*2.8*
Miles City LMA	5	13	7	10	15	9	7	11	7	13	18	15	130	*4.9*
Missoula LMA	36	32	16	39	42	32	44	45	32	36	24	38	416	*15.6*
Shelby LMA	5	9	2	3	14	11	12	9	8	6	11	20	110	*4.1*

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Table C
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(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1974	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1973	Percent Change 1973-1974
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	298.1	298.2	308.2	316.4	327.8	346.8	347.4	341.8	329.7	322.3	319.3	315.1	322.6	309.2	4.3
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	27.6	24.3	23.4	21.4	18.3	24.0	21.0	17.9	17.3	18.1	22.4	24.1	21.6	19.1	13.1
Percent of Labor Force#	*8.2*	*8.1*	*7.6*	*6.8*	*5.8*	*8.9*	*6.0*	*5.3*	*5.2*	*5.8*	*7.0*	*7.7*	*6.7*	*8.2*	-
3. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	270.5	273.9	284.8	295.0	309.5	322.8	326.4	323.9	312.4	304.2	296.9	291.0	301.0	290.1	3.7
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	218.1	220.8	225.6	231.3	237.9	244.9	244.2	245.1	244.0	238.3	236.8	235.3	235.2	224.0	5.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*220.5*	*222.6*	*225.5*	*230.1*	*233.9*	*243.8*	*245.7*	*246.0*	*244.0*	*240.4*	*239.1*	*237.6*	*235.7*	*228.3*	*3.2*
MANUFACTURING	*23.5*	*23.7*	*23.4*	*23.4*	*24.2*	*25.7*	*26.1*	*26.0*	*25.4*	*24.5*	*24.5*	*23.7*	*24.5*	*24.9*	*-1.8*
Durable Goods	*15.1*	*15.3*	*15.3*	*15.3*	*15.9*	*17.0*	*17.1*	*17.3*	*16.9*	*16.5*	*15.7*	*15.1*	*16.0*	*16.3*	*-1.8*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*9.1*	*9.2*	*9.1*	*8.9*	*9.4*	*10.2*	*10.2*	*10.3*	*9.9*	*8.7*	*8.7*	*8.1*	*9.3*	*8.7*	*-4.1*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.4*	*3.6*	*3.8*	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.0*
Other Durable Goods	*2.8*	*2.9*	*3.0*	*3.1*	*3.2*	*3.3*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*0*
Nondurable Goods	*8.4*	*8.4*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*8.3*	*8.7*	*9.0*	*8.7*	*8.5*	*9.0*	*8.8*	*8.6*	*8.5*	*8.6*	*-1.2*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*4.2*	*4.2*	*3.8*	*3.7*	*3.8*	*4.0*	*4.4*	*4.1*	*3.9*	*4.3*	*4.1*	*4.0*	*4.0*	*4.2*	*-4.8*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*5.3*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.0*	*1.0*	*1.0*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.0*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*197.0*	*198.8*	*202.1*	*206.7*	*209.7*	*218.1*	*219.6*	*220.0*	*218.6*	*215.9*	*214.6*	*213.9*	*211.2*	*203.4*	*3.8*
Mining	*7.0*	*7.1*	*7.2*	*7.1*	*7.3*	*7.7*	*7.5*	*8.0*	*7.7*	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.4*	*7.4*	*6.7*	*10.4*
10 Metal Mining	*4.1*	*4.1*	*4.1*	*4.1*	*4.1*	*4.4*	*4.2*	*4.5*	*4.2*	*4.1*	*4.0*	*3.9*	*4.1*	*3.9*	*5.1*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.5*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*1.6*	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.5*	*1.2*	*2.5*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*12.5*
Contract Construction	*10.3*	*10.7*	*11.6*	*13.6*	*11.7*	*11.7*	*15.4*	*15.7*	*14.5*	*14.1*	*13.3*	*11.3*	*12.8*	*14.0*	*-8.6*
15 General Building Contractors	*4.1*	*4.4*	*4.7*	*5.2*	*5.5*	*5.3*	*5.9*	*6.4*	*5.7*	*5.4*	*5.2*	*4.6*	*5.2*	*4.9*	*6.1*
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.5*	*3.7*	*1.7*	*1.6*	*4.6*	*4.3*	*3.8*	*3.6*	*3.2*	*2.3*	*2.9*	*4.1*	*-29.3*
17 Special Trade Contractors	*4.3*	*4.3*	*4.4*	*4.7*	*4.5*	*4.8*	*4.9*	*5.0*	*5.0*	*5.1*	*4.9*	*4.4*	*4.7*	*5.0*	*-.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*18.5*	*18.6*	*18.8*	*19.0*	*19.6*	*20.2*	*20.5*	*20.5*	*20.2*	*20.1*	*19.5*	*18.9*	*19.5*	*18.7*	*4.3*
40 Railroad Transportation	*8.1*	*8.2*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.5*	*6.6*	*8.7*	*6.7*	*6.8*	*6.7*	*6.7*	*6.8*	*6.5*	*6.3*	*3.2*
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	*5.7*	*5.7*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*8.1*	*6.3*	*6.3*	*6.3*	*6.3*	*6.2*	*5.6*	*5.1*	*5.9*	*5.7*	*3.5*
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	*6.7*	*6.7*	*6.8*	*6.9*	*7.0*	*7.3*	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.3*	*7.2*	*7.2*	*7.2*	*7.1*	*6.7*	*6.0*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*55.2*	*54.8*	*56.0*	*57.2*	*59.0*	*81.6*	*62.5*	*63.0*	*62.1*	*60.4*	*61.0*	*61.2*	*59.5*	*56.9*	*4.6*
Wholesale Trade	*11.5*	*11.5*	*11.7*	*11.9*	*12.1*	*12.5*	*12.8*	*13.1*	*12.9*	*12.9*	*12.8*	*12.8*	*12.4*	*11.3*	*9.7*
Retail Trade	*43.7*	*43.3*	*44.3*	*45.3*	*46.9*	*49.1*	*49.7*	*49.9*	*49.2*	*47.5*	*48.2*	*48.4*	*47.1*	*45.6*	*3.3*
53 & 66 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	*7.8*	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.8*	*8.1*	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*8.8*	*9.4*	*8.1*	*7.8*	*3.8*
54 Food Stores	*8.1*	*8.1*	*6.1*	*6.3*	*6.4*	*6.6*	*6.6*	*6.7*	*6.4*	*8.1*	*6.5*	*8.5*	*6.4*	*8.2*	*3.2*
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	*8.3*	*8.2*	*8.3*	*8.4*	*8.4*	*8.7*	*8.8*	*8.7*	*8.8*	*8.6*	*8.5*	*8.1*	*8.5*	*9.3*	*-8.6*
58 Eating and Drinking Places	*12.3*	*12.4*	*13.1*	*13.6*	*14.5*	*15.6*	*16.0*	*16.0*	*15.7*	*14.8*	*14.5*	*14.0*	*14.3*	*13.2*	*8.3*
52,57,59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc	*9.2*	*9.1*	*9.3*	*9.5*	*9.8*	*10.1*	*10.1*	*10.3*	*10.2*	*9.9*	*9.9*	*10.4*	*9.8*	*9.1*	*7.7*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*9.9*	*9.7*	*9.8*	*10.0*	*10.2*	*10.6*	*10.6*	*10.7*	*10.7*	*10.7*	*10.7*	*10.7*	*10.4*	*9.6*	*8.3*
Services	*40.9*	*41.2*	*41.6*	*42.3*	*43.3*	*45.6*	*46.2*	*46.2*	*45.4*	*43.9*	*43.6*	*44.1*	*43.7*	*42.1*	*3.8*
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	*4.9*	*5.0*	*5.2*	*5.3*	*5.9*	*7.6*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*7.1*	*6.0*	*5.8*	*5.7*	*6.2*	*5.7*	*8.8*
72 Personal Services	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.7*	*2.7*	*2.8*	*2.7*	*2.5*	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*0*
80 Medical and other Health Services	*13.1*	*13.2*	*13.2*	*13.4*	*13.6*	*13.8*	*13.8*	*13.8*	*14.0*	*13.9*	*13.8*	*14.0*	*13.8*	*13.1*	*3.8*
Other Services	*20.4*	*20.5*	*20.7*	*21.0*	*21.2*	*21.5*	*21.6*	*21.5*	*21.6*	*21.5*	*21.6*	*21.6*	*21.3*	*20.7*	*2.9*
Government	*55.2*	*56.8*	*57.1*	*57.5*	*58.6*	*60.7*	*56.9*	*55.9*	*58.0*	*59.2*	*59.0*	*60.3*	*57.9*	*55.4*	*4.5*
91 Federal Government	*11.5*	*11.5*	*11.5*	*12.0*	*12.8*	*14.0*	*14.5*	*14.6*	*13.7*	*12.6*	*12.3*	*12.1*	*12.7*	*12.2*	*4.1*
Total State and Local Government	*43.7*	*45.3*	*45.6*	*45.5*	*45.8*	*46.7*	*42.4*	*41.3*	*44.3*	*46.6*	*46.7*	*48.2*	*45.2*	*43.2*	*4.6*
92 State Government	*16.6*	*17.2*	*17.5*	*18.9*	*17.3*	*17.1*	*17.1*	*18.1*	*18.2*	*17.1*	*17.2*	*17.2*	*17.0*	*15.9*	*6.9*
93 Local Government	*27.1*	*28.1*	*28.1*	*28.6*	*28.5*	*29.6*	*25.3*	*25.2*	*28.1*	*29.5*	*29.5*	*31.0*	*28.2*	*27.3*	*3.3*
(b) ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	27.6	28.3	28.9	29.7	32.1	32.8	33.5	32.8	31.6	31.0	29.7	29.9	30.7	29.8	3.0
(c) AGRICULTURE	24.8	24.8	30.3	34.0	39.5	45.1	48.7	46.0	36.8	34.9	30.4	25.8	35.1	36.3	-3.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	.1	*	*	*	4.0	2.0	*	.2	*	*	.1	*	*	.1	-
5. Insured Unemployment (UI)	13.4	12.3	11.7	11.0	9.1	9.5	9.0	8.0	7.6	9.6	11.1	12.7	10.4	8.8	18.2
Percent of Insured Labor Force	*9.0*	*7.6*	*7.0*	*6.4*	*5.2*	*4.9*	*4.9*	*4.3*	*4.2*	*4.7*	*6.3*	*7.3*	*5.9*	*5.3*	-

 # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.* *Establishment Series began January 1964.* *Residence Series began January 1970.*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a). ** Under 50.*

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(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1973	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1972	Percent Change 1972-1973
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	286.2	289.1	297.6	303.3	309.2	326.0	329.9	338.0	320.9	308.3	302.4	299.5	309.2	296.9	4.1
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	25.1	23.5	21.6	18.2	15.5	20.3	18.3	16.3	15.7	16.0	18.8	19.4	19.1	18.1	5.5
Percent of Labor Force#	*8.8*	*8.1*	*7.3*	*6.0*	*5.0*	*6.2*	*5.6*	*4.8*	*4.9*	*5.2*	*6.2*	*6.5*	*6.2*	*6.1*	-
3. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	261.1	265.6	276.0	285.1	293.7	305.7	311.6	321.7	305.2	292.3	283.6	280.1	290.1	278.8	4.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	211.4	212.7	216.4	219.8	224.8	232.6	231.2	232.7	229.6	227.3	225.3	225.3	224.0	215.8	3.8
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*213.3*	*214.7*	*218.5*	*221.8*	*228.2*	*236.9*	*237.3*	*238.4*	*236.3*	*232.7*	*231.3*	*230.6*	*228.3*	*218.1*	*4.7*
MANUFACTURING	*23.7*	*24.0*	*23.6*	*23.6*	*24.4*	*25.7*	*26.3*	*26.3*	*26.0*	*25.7*	*25.1*	*24.6*	*24.9*	*24.7*	*.8*
Durable Goods	*15.1*	*15.4*	*15.5*	*15.5*	*16.1*	*17.0*	*17.4*	*17.5*	*17.3*	*16.5*	*16.3*	*15.9*	*16.3*	*16.3*	*0*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*9.1*	*9.3*	*9.1*	*8.9*	*9.4*	*10.0*	*10.2*	*10.2*	*10.2*	*9.7*	*9.7*	*8.6*	*9.7*	*9.2*	*5.4*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.2*	*3.3*	*3.9*	*-15.4*
Other Durable Goods	*2.7*	*2.8*	*3.1*	*3.3*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.7*	*3.8*	*3.8*	*3.5*	*3.3*	*3.1*	*3.3*	*3.2*	*3.1*
Nondurable Goods	*8.6*	*8.6*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*8.3*	*8.7*	*8.9*	*8.8*	*8.7*	*9.2*	*8.8*	*8.7*	*8.6*	*8.4*	*2.4*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*4.3*	*4.3*	*3.9*	*3.8*	*3.9*	*4.1*	*4.4*	*4.3*	*4.3*	*4.7*	*4.4*	*4.4*	*4.2*	*4.2*	*0*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.0*	*10.0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.2*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.3*	*7.7*
NONMANUFACTURING	*189.6*	*190.7*	*194.9*	*198.2*	*203.8*	*211.2*	*211.0*	*212.1*	*210.3*	*207.0*	*206.2*	*206.0*	*203.4*	*193.4*	*5.2*
Mining	*6.4*	*6.3*	*6.3*	*6.4*	*6.5*	*6.8*	*7.1*	*7.0*	*7.1*	*6.9*	*6.8*	*7.2*	*6.7*	*6.4*	*4.7*
10 Metal Mining	*3.8*	*3.8*	*3.8*	*3.8*	*3.8*	*3.9*	*4.0*	*3.9*	*3.9*	*3.9*	*3.8*	*4.1*	*3.9*	*3.7*	*5.4*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.0*	*1.0*	*1.0*	*1.1*	*1.2*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.2*	*1.0*	*20.0*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.6*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*1.7*	*-5.9*
Contract Construction	*9.4*	*9.7*	*11.3*	*13.0*	*14.4*	*15.6*	*16.6*	*17.3*	*16.7*	*16.0*	*14.8*	*13.1*	*14.0*	*13.1*	*6.9*
15 General Building Contractors	*3.4*	*3.5*	*4.0*	*4.3*	*4.7*	*5.1*	*5.7*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*5.7*	*5.7*	*5.0*	*4.9*	*3.7*	*32.4*
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	*2.3*	*2.5*	*3.1*	*4.1*	*4.7*	*5.2*	*5.3*	*5.4*	*5.0*	*4.8*	*3.9*	*3.1*	*4.1*	*5.0*	*-18.0*
17 Special Trade Contractors	*3.7*	*3.7*	*4.2*	*4.6*	*5.0*	*5.3*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.6*	*5.5*	*5.2*	*5.0*	*5.0*	*4.4*	*13.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*17.8*	*17.8*	*18.0*	*18.1*	*18.5*	*19.1*	*19.4*	*19.4*	*19.5*	*19.1*	*19.0*	*19.0*	*18.7*	*18.2*	*2.9*
40 Railroad Transportation	*6.1*	*6.0*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.5*	*6.6*	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.3*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*8.3*	*6.4*	*-1.6*
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	*5.2*	*5.3*	*5.4*	*5.4*	*5.6*	*5.7*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.0*	*5.9*	*6.0*	*6.0*	*5.7*	*5.3*	*7.5*
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.8*	*6.9*	*7.0*	*7.1*	*7.0*	*6.9*	*6.8*	*6.8*	*6.7*	*6.5*	*3.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*52.4*	*52.5*	*53.9*	*54.7*	*56.5*	*59.0*	*59.5*	*59.9*	*59.1*	*57.8*	*58.2*	*58.9*	*56.9*	*53.1*	*7.2*
Wholesale Trade	*10.7*	*10.7*	*10.9*	*10.9*	*11.0*	*11.4*	*11.5*	*11.6*	*11.5*	*11.6*	*11.8*	*11.7*	*11.3*	*10.6*	*6.6*
Retail Trade	*41.7*	*41.8*	*43.0*	*43.8*	*45.5*	*47.6*	*48.0*	*48.3*	*47.6*	*46.2*	*46.4*	*47.2*	*45.6*	*42.5*	*7.3*
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	*7.6*	*7.4*	*7.5*	*7.4*	*7.6*	*7.8*	*8.0*	*8.0*	*8.0*	*7.9*	*8.2*	*8.9*	*7.8*	*7.3*	*6.8*
54 Food Stores	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.2*	*6.4*	*6.4*	*6.5*	*6.2*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.2*	*6.1*	*1.6*
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	*8.8*	*8.8*	*8.9*	*9.2*	*9.4*	*9.8*	*9.7*	*9.7*	*9.6*	*9.3*	*9.2*	*8.9*	*9.3*	*8.9*	*4.5*
58 Eating and Drinking Places	*10.9*	*11.2*	*12.0*	*12.5*	*13.3*	*14.3*	*14.6*	*14.7*	*14.4*	*13.6*	*13.3*	*13.1*	*13.2*	*11.8*	*11.9*
52,57,59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc	*8.4*	*8.4*	*8.6*	*8.7*	*9.0*	*9.3*	*9.3*	*9.4*	*9.4*	*9.3*	*9.5*	*10.0*	*9.1*	*8.4*	*8.3*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*9.2*	*9.2*	*9.3*	*9.3*	*9.5*	*9.7*	*9.8*	*9.9*	*9.8*	*9.8*	*9.7*	*9.9*	*9.6*	*8.9*	*7.9*
Services	*39.2*	*39.7*	*40.4*	*41.1*	*42.0*	*44.0*	*44.7*	*44.8*	*44.0*	*41.7*	*41.5*	*41.8*	*42.1*	*38.3*	*9.9*
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	*4.5*	*4.7*	*4.8*	*4.9*	*5.4*	*7.0*	*7.4*	*7.4*	*6.5*	*5.5*	*5.2*	*5.2*	*5.7*	*4.9*	*16.3*
72 Personal Services	*2.5*	*2.4*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.7*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.7*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*4.0*
80 Medical and other Health Services	*12.7*	*12.8*	*12.9*	*13.1*	*13.1*	*13.2*	*13.1*	*13.2*	*13.3*	*13.1*	*13.1*	*13.1*	*13.1*	*12.4*	*5.6*
Other Services	*19.5*	*19.8*	*20.2*	*20.6*	*21.0*	*21.1*	*21.6*	*21.6*	*21.6*	*20.5*	*20.6*	*20.8*	*20.7*	*18.5*	*11.9*
Government	*55.2*	*55.5*	*55.7*	*55.6*	*56.4*	*57.0*	*53.9*	*53.8*	*54.1*	*55.7*	*56.2*	*56.1*	*55.4*	*55.4*	*0*
91 Federal Government	*11.4*	*11.2*	*11.2*	*11.4*	*12.0*	*12.5*	*13.3*	*13.4*	*13.2*	*12.5*	*12.2*	*11.8*	*12.2*	*12.3*	*-.8*
Total State and Local Government	*43.8*	*44.3*	*44.5*	*44.2*	*44.4*	*44.5*	*40.6*	*40.4*	*40.9*	*43.2*	*44.0*	*44.3*	*43.2*	*43.1*	*.2*
92 State Government	*16.5*	*16.6*	*16.7*	*16.4*	*16.4*	*16.3*	*14.8*	*14.3*	*14.3*	*15.9*	*16.5*	*16.4*	*15.9*	*NA*	-
93 Local Government	*27.3*	*27.7*	*27.8*	*27.8*	*28.0*	*28.2*	*26.8*	*26.1*	*26.8*	*27.3*	*27.5*	*27.9*	*27.3*	*NA*	-
(b) ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	27.3	27.6	29.0	28.6	30.4	32.0	32.3	31.7	30.5	30.1	28.9	29.1	29.8	29.9	-.3
(c) AGRICULTURE	22.4	25.3	30.6	36.7	38.5	41.1	48.1	57.3	45.1	34.9	29.4	25.7	36.3	33.1	9.7
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	.1	*	*	.2	.4	.5	*	.1	.1	.1	*	*	.1	.1	0
5. Insured Unemployment (UI)	13.4	11.8	10.6	8.9	7.4	7.6	7.5	6.8	6.6	7.0	8.8	9.7	8.8	8.4	4.8
Percent of Insured Labor Force	*8.5*	*7.5*	*6.6*	*5.5*	*4.5*	*4.5*	*4.3*	*3.9*	*3.9*	*4.2*	*5.3*	*5.8*	*5.3*	*5.4*	-

 # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.* *Establishment Series began January 1964.* *Residence Series began January 1970.*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a). ** Under 50.* *Produced in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, by E. S. R & A, Employment Security Division, Helena, Montana.*

GREAT FALLS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA)

Annual Labor Force Report

(In Thousands)

1973 1974

	1973 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1973 Avg.
1. Civilian Labor Force	30.1	30.2	30.8	31.6	32.2	33.9	33.6	33.5	32.9	32.1	31.5	31.3	32.0
2. Unemployment	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.3	3.0	2.4	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.3
Percent of Labor Force#	*9.1*	*8.6*	*7.7*	*6.9*	*7.0*	*8.9*	*7.1*	*6.0*	*8.2*	*5.5*	*6.4*	*6.4*	*7.2*
3. Employment, Total	27.3	27.6	28.4	29.4	29.9	30.9	31.2	31.5	30.9	30.3	29.5	29.3	29.7
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	24.3	24.4	25.0	25.7	26.0	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.5	25.9	26.0	26.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*25.2*	*25.4*	*25.9*	*26.4*	*26.8*	*27.6*	*27.8*	*28.4*	*28.3*	*27.3*	*27.2*	*27.0*	*26.8*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*
NONMANUFACTURING	*23.3*	*23.5*	*24.0*	*24.5*	*24.9*	*25.6*	*25.9*	*26.4*	*26.4*	*25.3*	*25.4*	*25.1*	*25.0*
Contract Construction	*1.2*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*2.2*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.6*	*1.8*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.2*	*2.3*	*2.4*	*2.4*	*2.4*	*2.4*	*2.4*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.3*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*7.4*	*7.4*	*7.5*	*7.8*	*7.9*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.0*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*7.9*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*
Service and Mining	*5.3*	*5.4*	*5.6*	*5.4*	*5.4*	*5.5*	*5.7*	*6.0*	*6.1*	*5.5*	*5.5*	*5.5*	*5.6*
Government	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.7*	*5.7*	*5.6*	*5.7*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.6*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3
(c) Agriculture	.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/]	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	0

	1974 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1974 Avg.
1. Civilian Labor Force	31.5	31.1	31.9	32.3	32.4	34.1	33.9	33.8	33.2	33.1	32.1	32.2	32.7
2. Unemployment	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2
Percent of Labor Force#	*9.3*	*7.6*	*7.2*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*7.3*	*6.4*	*5.8*	*5.6*	*5.5*	*6.3*	*6.6*	*6.7*
3. Employment, Total	28.6	28.7	29.6	30.3	30.4	31.6	31.7	31.8	31.3	31.3	30.1	30.1	30.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	25.3	25.5	26.0	26.5	26.3	27.1	27.0	27.3	27.3	27.4	26.4	26.7	26.8
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*25.7*	*26.0*	*26.2*	*26.5*	*28.4*	*27.3*	*27.4*	*27.7*	*27.8*	*27.5*	*27.6*	*27.6*	*27.0*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*2.0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*23.8*	*24.1*	*24.3*	*24.6*	*24.5*	*25.3*	*25.4*	*25.7*	*25.8*	*25.5*	*25.6*	*25.7*	*25.0*
Contract Construction	*1.2*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*1.5*	*1.3*	*1.5*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*1.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.3*	*2.4*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.4*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.6*	*7.7*	*7.8*	*8.0*	*8.1*	*8.2*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*8.2*	*8.2*	*7.9*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*
Services and Mining	*5.4*	*5.4*	*5.4*	*5.4*	*5.3*	*5.4*	*5.4*	*5.5*	*5.5*	*5.3*	*5.4*	*5.6*	*5.4*
Government	*5.8*	*5.9*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.1*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.8*	*5.9*	*5.8*	*5.9*	*5.8*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
(c) Agriculture	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/]	0	0	0	0	1.4	1.2	*	*	*	0	*	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households. 2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.
*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Series began January 1971.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Department of Labor Manpower Administration, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks

MONTANA

HOURS AND EARNINGS SERIES BY MONTHS

Average Hours and Earnings in Private, Nonagricultural Industries 1974 (1)

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Avg.
TOTAL PRIVATE	$143.47	$144.08	$145.20	$147.29	$148.47	$152.21	$159.90	$159.84	$157.38	$157.75	$154.94	$154.28	$152.57
MANUFACTURING	187.23	183.65	182.40	181.44	184.89	185.55	187.50	199.43	193.93	195.83	186.29	189.81	188.60
Durable Goods	184.00	185.81	180.40	177.38	182.40	183.64	183.50	201.10	188.37	190.62	177.26	183.30	184.99
Primary Metal Industries	198.28	197.69	197.31	198.14	199.87	202.36	221.10	220.99	227.01	226.55	230.04	228.97	212.53
Nondurable Goods	194.21	181.71	187.78	191.95	192.08	192.65	198.10	195.05	209.16	210.31	208.35	206.00	197.00
Food and Kindred Products	183.94	170.09	178.25	176.61	180.59	182.96	184.47	186.59	207.45	200.69	204.57	194.62	188.07
MINING	226.95	218.93	222.26	227.04	222.56	227.57	253.02	239.09	247.38	256.80	255.52	258.50	237.73
Metal Mining	227.00	218.25	215.28	222.56	224.87	223.11	261.56	242.26	251.12	271.19	261.80	261.38	239.44
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	244.32	246.38	244.72	237.28	242.42	266.56	296.30	294.39	270.48	284.83	266.57	280.01	265.54
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	231.84	240.35	236.74	240.51	239.42	241.40	245.47	244.38	246.65	251.55	253.46	254.72	243.67
Commun., Elec., Gas, San. Services	183.53	179.36	179.33	182.83	182.44	181.58	190.41	187.31	192.37	209.88	203.78	199.31	189.34
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	113.67	112.73	114.99	116.11	118.24	120.31	124.10	122.76	122.81	121.06	121.08	120.35	119.26
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	106.74	108.90	107.22	107.51	109.07	110.72	113.78	112.73	114.95	111.97	113.76	114.39	110.96
SERVICES	89.97	89.37	89.60	90.86	93.57	94.75	103.70	103.06	103.46	101.59	103.23	102.92	97.24

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

TOTAL PRIVATE	36.6	36.2	36.3	36.1	36.3	36.5	37.1	37.0	36.6	36.6	36.2	36.3	36.5
MANUFACTURING	39.5	38.5	38.0	37.8	38.6	38.1	37.5	38.8	38.1	38.1	36.6	37.0	38.1
Durable Goods	38.9	39.2	37.9	37.5	38.4	38.1	36.7	39.2	37.3	36.8	35.1	35.8	37.6
Primary Metal Industries	40.3	40.1	39.7	38.7	39.5	39.6	40.2	40.4	41.5	40.6	40.5	40.1	40.1
Nondurable Goods	40.8	37.7	38.4	38.7	39.2	38.3	39.7	37.8	40.3	41.4	40.3	40.0	39.4
Food and Kindred Products	41.9	39.1	39.7	38.9	40.4	40.3	43.1	40.3	45.0	44.4	43.9	42.4	41.7
MINING	42.5	41.7	41.7	42.2	41.6	42.3	43.7	40.8	42.8	42.8	42.8	43.3	42.3
Metal Mining	40.9	39.9	39.5	40.1	40.3	40.2	42.6	39.2	41.1	43.6	42.5	42.5	41.0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.3	37.5	36.8	35.1	34.0	35.4	35.4	36.3	33.6	36.1	33.7	35.4	35.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.0	41.8	42.2	41.9	42.3	42.5	43.6	43.1	42.6	43.0	43.7	43.1	42.6
Commun., Elec., Gas, San. Services	39.3	38.0	38.9	38.9	38.9	38.8	40.6	39.6	39.1	39.6	39.8	38.7	39.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.3	34.9	35.6	35.4	35.4	35.7	36.5	36.0	35.7	35.5	35.3	35.5	35.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	35.7	36.3	36.1	36.2	36.6	36.3	37.4	36.6	37.2	37.2	36.0	36.9	36.5
SERVICES	33.2	33.1	32.7	32.8	33.3	32.9	34.0	33.9	33.7	33.2	33.3	33.2	33.3

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

TOTAL PRIVATE	$3.92	$3.98	$4.00	$4.08	$4.09	$4.17	$4.31	$4.32	$4.30	$4.31	$4.28	$4.25	$4.18
MANUFACTURING	4.74	4.77	4.80	4.80	4.79	4.87	5.00	5.14	5.09	5.14	5.09	5.13	4.95
Durable Goods	4.73	4.74	4.76	4.73	4.75	4.82	5.00	5.13	5.05	5.18	5.05	5.12	4.92
Primary Metal Industries	4.92	4.93	4.97	5.12	5.06	5.11	5.49	5.47	5.47	5.58	5.68	5.71	5.30
Nondurable Goods	4.76	4.82	4.89	4.96	4.90	5.03	4.99	5.16	5.19	5.08	5.17	5.15	5.00
Food and Kindred Products	4.39	4.35	4.49	4.54	4.47	4.54	4.28	4.63	4.61	4.52	4.66	4.59	4.51
MINING	5.34	5.25	5.33	5.38	5.35	4.38	5.79	5.86	5.78	6.00	5.97	5.97	5.62
Metal Mining	5.55	5.47	5.45	5.55	5.58	5.55	6.14	6.18	6.11	6.22	6.16	6.15	5.84
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.55	6.57	6.65	6.76	7.13	7.53	8.37	8.11	8.05	7.89	7.91	7.91	7.48
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.52	5.75	5.61	5.74	5.66	5.68	5.63	5.67	5.79	5.85	5.80	5.91	5.72
Commun., Elec., Gas, San. Services	4.67	4.72	4.61	4.70	4.69	4.68	4.69	4.73	4.92	5.30	5.12	5.15	4.83
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.22	3.23	3.23	3.28	3.34	3.37	3.40	3.41	3.44	3.41	3.43	3.39	3.35
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.99	3.00	2.97	2.97	2.98	3.05	3.01	3.08	3.09	3.01	3.16	3.10	3.04
SERVICES	2.71	2.70	2.74	2.77	2.81	2.88	3.05	3.04	3.07	3.06	3.10	3.10	2.92

(1) Based on reports from cooperating establishments, and covers both full and part-time production and related workers who worked during or received pay for any part of the weekly pay period including the 12th of each month. Figures are average of gross earnings including overtime and premium pay. Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969.
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

JOB OPENINGS AND LABOR TURNOVER STATISTICS

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES 1974

(Per 100 Employees by Calendar Year)

MANUFACTURING

	1974 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1974 Avg.
Total Accessions	3.9	2.4	3.6	3.8	5.2	6.7	5.4	3.8	3.4	3.6	1.6	2.0	3.8
New Hires	3.1	1.7	2.5	2.9	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.4	2.8	2.6	1.3	1.2	3.0
Total Separations	3.3	2.5	4.0	4.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	6.3	6.9	6.3	4.1	3.7	4.3
Quits	1.5	1.3	1.4	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.5	3.4	3.2	1.5	0.9	0.8	2.0
Layoffs	1.1	0.7	2.1	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.9	2.6	3.6	2.7	2.2	1.7

DURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	2.7	2.3	4.0	4.1	5.1	6.9	4.8	4.0	2.1	2.8	1.5	2.4	3.6
New Hires	2.1	1.6	3.1	3.3	4.0	4.9	3.4	3.7	1.9	2.0	1.2	1.3	2.7
Total Separations	3.3	2.7	2.8	4.7	3.7	3.9	3.7	6.5	5.9	6.6	5.5	3.6	4.4
Quits	1.2	1.6	1.5	2.1	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.6	3.1	1.4	1.0	0.7	2.0
Layoffs	1.2	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.8	1.5	4.1	4.0	2.0	1.6

PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES

Total Accessions	3.8	2.1	4.5	3.7	4.4	5.4	3.6	3.2	3.4	1.5	0.4	1.9	3.2
New Hires	2.2	1.1	2.3	2.7	3.1	3.7	2.1	2.4	2.9	0.6	0.3	0.9	2.0
Total Separations	3.5	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.2	3.1	5.7	2.2	4.6	3.1	3.0
Quits	0.7	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.1	1.7	3.6	1.7	0.6	0.7	1.3
Layoffs	1.0	0.1	*	0.4	0.2	0.2	0	0.3	1.1	0	3.2	0.7	0.6

NONDURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	6.0	2.6	2.7	3.3	5.3	6.2	6.5	3.2	5.9	5.0	2.8	1.3	4.2
New Hires	4.9	2.0	1.3	2.3	5.1	5.6	6.3	2.9	4.5	3.8	2.4	1.2	3.5
Total Separations	3.4	2.2	6.2	3.3	2.6	2.7	3.0	6.1	8.7	5.7	3.6	3.8	4.3
Quits	1.8	0.8	1.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.4	3.4	3.5	1.7	1.6	1.0	1.9
Layoffs	1.1	0.8	4.5	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.4	2.1	4.5	2.7	1.3	2.6	1.8

MINING

Total Accessions	4.9	4.6	4.1	5.3	6.5	8.1	6.1	4.2	3.5	3.7	1.6	1.6	4.5
New Hires	1.9	2.2	1.9	3.1	3.5	5.0	3.6	0.9	2.8	3.0	1.3	1.3	2.5
Total Separations	5.1	4.1	4.9	6.6	4.9	3.0	5.8	5.0	7.4	4.8	4.1	3.2	4.9
Quits	1.6	1.3	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.6	2.2	2.7	4.6	2.4	1.7	1.2	2.2
Layoffs	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	*	*	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.4	0.6	0.5

METAL MINING

Total Accessions	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.6	6.3	8.6	6.8	3.9	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.8	4.0
New Hires	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.5	4.1	2.5	1.3	0.6	0.2	0	0.3	1.2
Total Separations	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.8	5.0	3.5	5.0	5.1	8.5	3.3	5.6	1.8	4.9
Quits	1.1	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.5	2.0	2.7	5.4	1.4	1.5	0.6	2.0
Layoffs	0.1	*	*	1.1	*	*	0	0	0.5	0.3	2.7	0.2	0.4

* *Less than .05* *Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.* *Series began January 1959*

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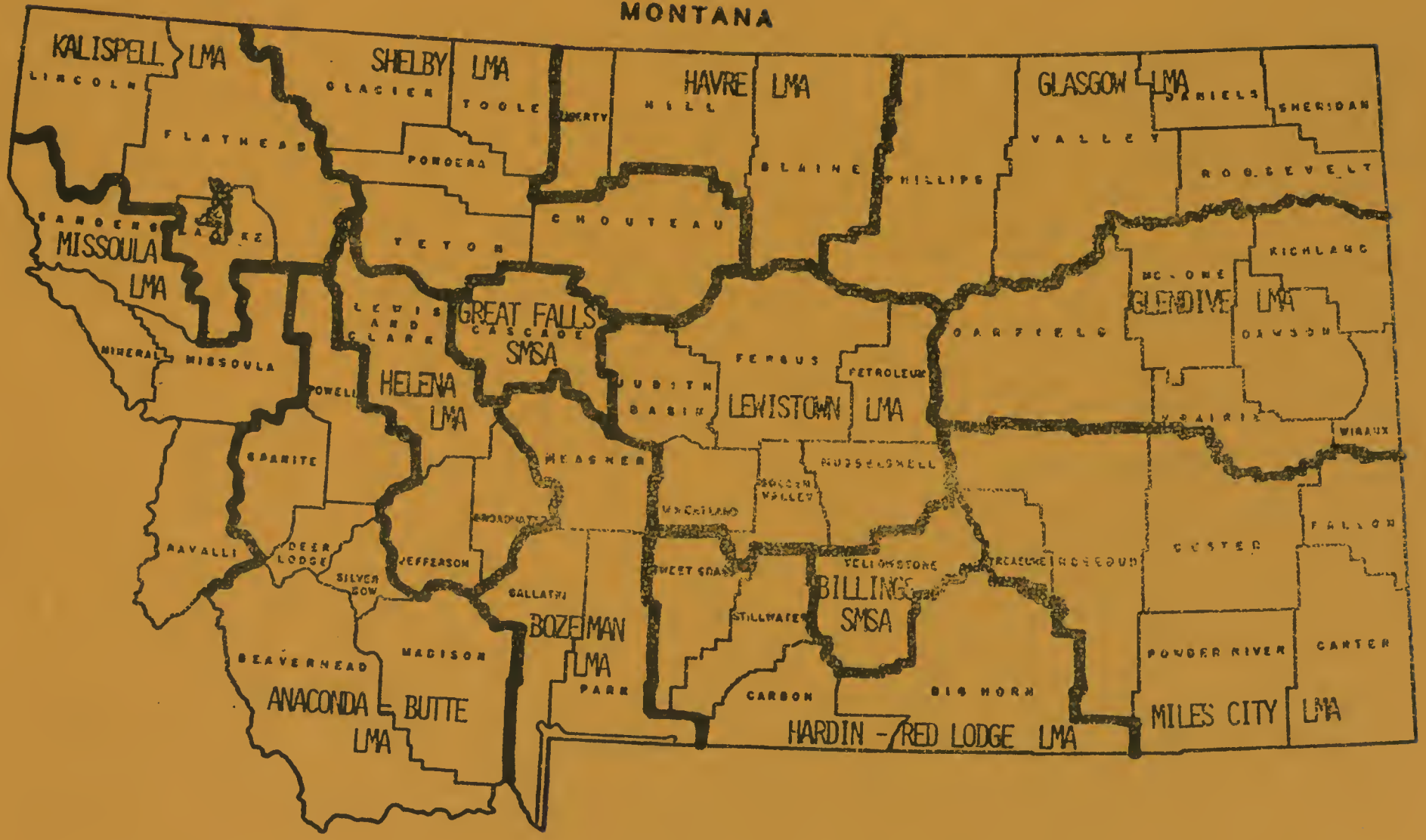

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